

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, each day, public safety telecommunicators throughout South Carolina and the nation answer desperate calls for help, responding with services that save the lives and property of American citizens; and

WHEREAS, Americans dial 9-1-1 for help in emergencies ranging from house fires and automobile accidents to heart attacks and child poisonings; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who answer these calls for help, gathering essential information and dispatching the appropriate assistance, can often make the difference between life and death; and

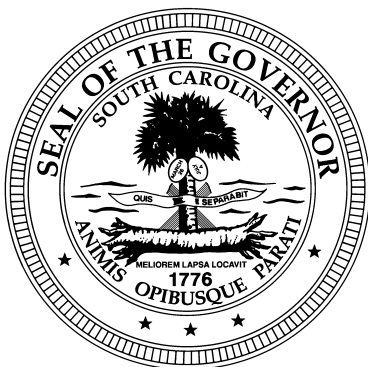
WHEREAS, the work of these "unseen first responders" is invaluable in emergency situations, and each of these dedicated men and women deserves our heartfelt appreciation; and

WHEREAS, National Telecommunications Week provides an opportunity to honor telecommunicators in the Palmetto State who serve in 9-1-1 Centers, Police, EMS and Fire Departments, South Carolina Highway Patrol Offices, the Department of Natural Resources, and other emergency communications.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 12 - 16, 2004, as

TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize that our health, safety, and well-being are often dependent on the commitment and steadfast devotion of public safety telecommunicators



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MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA